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Dear Friend:

I am writing to update you on the ongoing budget challenges affecting our city and our ability to provide the level of public safety and other quality of life services the community expects and rightfully deserves.

As you may remember, in 2006 the City forecasted a \$6.7 Million deficit. Among other cost-saving actions, City departmental budgets were cut 20% across the board, scores of positions were frozen and 17 police officers and firefighters positions were eliminated. Proposition D was enacted by voters in 2006 to restore services, police and fire staffing.

Currently National City's budget is stable, but Proposition D will expire soon. Maintaining Prop. D will allow the City to continue providing our current level of safety services, as more than 70% of National City's general fund budget goes to police and fire protection. If Prop. D is not extended, we will have to make significant cuts in public safety and other important City services, or possibly contract with the county for these services rather than maintaining our local police and fire departments.

We are working to get as many community perspectives on these issues as possible, and want to hear what your priorities are for National City. Please help us make these tough choices by completing and returning the attached Community Survey today or contact City Manager Leslie Deese directly at 619-336-4242.

We have also enclosed a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet with more information on the urgent needs facing National City.

Sincerely,



Leslie Deese
City Manager



Manuel Rodriguez
Police Chief

- Encls: 1. Community Engagement Survey
2. Frequently Asked Questions